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THE DEETFUS CASE

1894-1900

The growth of anti-Semitism in France — The Jews in Paris —
The Union Ge'n'e'rale — Drumont, "La France Juive," and " La Libre Parole" —
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THE emancipation of the French Jews dates from the great Eevolution. At the assembling of the States-General in 1789 they entered on a brief and victorious struggle, in which their chief ally, curiously enough, was a Catholic